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Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me. Rev. 3:20.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in his name. John 1: 11-12.

There is a Stranger at the door,

Let Him in;

He has been there oft before,

Let Him in;

Let Him in, ere He is gone,

Let Him in, the Holy One,

Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,

Let Him in.

Open now to Him your heart,

Let Him in;

If you wait He will depart,

Let Him in;

Let Him in, He is your Friend,

He your soul will defend,

He will keep you to the end,

Let Him in.

Hear you now His loving voice,

Let Him in;

Now, oh now, make Him your choice,

Let Him in.

He is standing at your door,

Joy to you He will restore,

And His name you will adore,

Let Him in.

Now admit the Heavenly Guest,

Let Him in;

He will make for you a feast,

Let Him in;

He will speak your sins forgiven,

And when earth's ties are all riven,

He will take you home to Heaven,

Let Him in.

## SATAN.

Sabbath, March 8th, the pastor will preach two sermons on Satan. Topic at the morning service, 10:30, "Satan, His Devices, Lying Wonders and Miracles." Evening sermon, "Satan's Doom."

Every member of Grace Church should join the Prayer and Win One Circle. The object is to enlist the members of the church in prayer for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and for every member to win one soul for Christ between now and Easter.

### THE APPORTIONMENT.

For the benefit of those who may not understand what is meant by the apportionment, we are glad to make some explanation. The time has come when every member of the church should know clearly what is expected of each one. The apportionment is the amount the church is supposed to contribute annually for the benevolent work of the church, for home and foreign missions, for the education of young men for the gospel ministry, etc. At the annual meeting of classes the Finance Committee ascertains the amount of money classis is expected to raise during the year for benevolence, and an apportionment is made to each congregation according to its membership. The apportionment for Grace Church for the year beginning with May 1st, 1913, is \$547.50, one dollar and eighty-four (\$.84) per each member. This is not an assessment, but an estimate, showing what the church should contribute for the year to the general fund of the church to carry on its missionary and general benevolent work. When a congregation fails to pay the full amount of its apportionment the boards will be crippled in their work and cannot carry forward the work assigned them by the church. This accounts for the fact that our missionary boards and others are often burdened with heavy debts. The boards accept in good faith the work assigned to them, and the promises made by the synods, classes and churches, but fail in the work because the church does not keep its promises with them. The boards are not accountable for their debts and failure in work. The fault lies with the churches in failing to pay the amounts apportioned to them, and the churches fail to pay these amounts because the members do not contribute the amounts they should. If every member of Grace Church will pay \$1.84 a year we will not fail in paying the full amount of benevolence expected of us. But why does not every member pay the apportionment? Possibly for

the same reason that some do not pay the amounts they should for the current expenses of the church. Some may not be sufficiently informed. They do not know the needs of the church, hence are ignorant of what is expected of them. Then there are always some who are entirely indifferent about their giving to the church, just as they are about their church-going and all of their christian duties. They are abundantly able to give and do for the church and could be a great power for good, but are unwilling and unresponsive to any call of the Church and of the Lord.

It may be possible that some of the members of Grace Church cannot easily pay the amount of the apportionment, and it is not expected that all shall pay alike. Everyone is to give as the Lord has given to him. Everyone as the Lord has prospered him, so let him give. While some can very easily give \$1.84 a year, others can easily give many times that amount and are shirking duty if they do not do so. After all, the payment of \$1.84 a year for benevolence is a small amount, not quite four cents a week. Save one street car fare a week, smoke one cigar less a week, one less admittance to the picture show, etc., and you will be able to pay your apportionment. Not all church members spend money in this way, and that is why they are able to pay larger amounts to the Church and for the work of the Master. Thrift and economy will enable us to do greater things for the Lord and will in return bring to us the larger blessing of the Lord. It takes some church members a long time before they come to realize that "God loves the liberal and cheerful givers;" that if we "bring the whole tithe into the storehouse of the Lord, He will open the windows of heaven and pour out upon us such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." Let each one give as the Lord has given to him and there will be no difficulty in meeting the current expenses of the church and the amount we are asked to contribute for benevolences.

In a few weeks we are to have an every member canvass—when every member will be solicited to make pledges for current expenses and benevolence. Get ready to do your part. Many have already given pledges. Some should give more than they have pledged, and we believe they will do so when they know the need of the church. Make this a matter of earnest thought and prayer and give as the Lord directs you.

Mrs. Strickland not only proved to be highly entertaining in her impersonation of the Swedish immigrant but the truths of the good old religion threaded their way through her entire address. Her appeal for consideration and kindness in behalf of the strangers who are within our gates was impressive, but above all her own beautiful and consistent christian character made itself felt in every word she spoke.

We were extremely sorry that not all our people could hear her. The snow-storm kept some away but we feel sure that all who made the sacrifice and braved the storm felt well rewarded. We sometimes miss the very best things on account of a little indifference, and some privileges come to us only once in a lifetime. We fail to improve them and they are gone forever.

Three cheers for the young men of the Agenda class. They were successful in the contest at the City Union S. S. convention for the penant offered to the Adult Bible class for attendance during the year of 1913, and attendance at the convention. The Young Ladies' class also scored a very good per cent. The contest at the next convention will be open to chartered classes only.

Annual report of the Woman's Missionary society, Mrs. J. H. Straube, treasurer, Jan. 1, 1914.

#### Receipts.

Monthly dues .....	\$ 44.20
Free will offerings .....	4.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 48.20</b>

#### Expenditures.

Expenses delegates to classis...	\$ 1.35
To church building fund.....	10.00
Apportionment .....	2.80
Williard Hall .....	1.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 15.15</b>
Balance on hand January 1, 1914. ....	\$ 33.05

Report of Organ fund by Pastor A. K. Zartman. Jan. 1, 1914.

#### Receipts

By subscriptions, total amount paid .....	\$1,085.15
Net receipts on dedication day by offering .....	17.50
Net receipts of organ recital..	21.70
By gift from Andrew Carnegie	1,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,126.35</b>

#### Expenditures.

To Votter-Hettche Organ Co..	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous expenditures incident to installing organ...	30.70
<b>Surplus .....</b>	<b>\$ 95.65</b>
Amount paid to Gerding and Aumann Bros., for repairing church furnace .....	\$ 95.65

Report of Grace Church Visitor for year, Nov. 1, 1912 to Nov. 1, 1913. Jan. 1, 1914.

#### Receipts.

By advertising .....	\$102.00
Subscriptions Sunday school ...	20.00
Subscriptions, individuals .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>

#### Expenditures.

Repairs on parsonage and barn, including bill on painting unpaid of 1912 .....	\$ 56.00
Postage, etc .....	6.00
To printing .....	78.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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Milliard Druckenbrod is at the St. Joseph hospital for an operation.

Mr. Henry Richards is at the Hope hospital for treatment.

Earle Rogers was home from Cleveland over the Sabbath, Feb. 8th. Everybody was glad to see him again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gavin spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. McAndrews, and family at St. Thomas, Canada.

At the close of the services Wednesday evening, March 1st, there will be a congregational meeting for the election of Sunday School officers.

The new singing books are proving most helpful to our services. The music is good and there is a large collection of new and old hymns to select from.

Mrs. Wickliff has been confined to her home for most of the winter. She will likely not be able to get out until the weather becomes much milder.

Mrs. C. F. Close has not been able to get out to the services for several Sabbaths. We hope she may soon feel better and be able to be out again. We always miss her when she is absent from the Sunday School and church services.

Do not forget about the every member canvas next month. Be ready for it. Every member of the church will be solicited to make a pledge for current expenses and for benevolence.

We are glad to see the good attendance at the week-day evangelistic meetings, and we rejoice in the increased interest there is manifested, and to know of the blessing some of the people have received from the services. Come to the meetings and get a blessing.

Satan—Who is Satan? Is Satan a person? Read your Bible, and know all about Satan, his power and wicked devices, his lying wonders and miracles.

The subscription price of the Visitor is 25 cents for year. Have you renewed your subscription for 1914? Every family of the church should subscribe for the paper. Pay to the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Close entertained the young people at their home on Elmwood avenue Tuesday evening, February 10. The young people had a splendid time.

Mrs. Croyle entertained the Woman's Missionary society at her home Thursday afternoon, Feb. 19. The women had a very pleasant and interesting meeting.

The social afternoon will be held at the home of Mrs. Phillip Heyman, 1816 South Calhoun street, on the afternoon of the 27th. The entertaining committee is composed of the following ladies: Mesdames P. Heyman, A. K. Zartman, Robert Gavin, Geo. Hazzard, D. Null, H. E. Metzner, F. D. Knott and Miss Anna Doerner. All the women of the church are invited and we hope there will be a large attendance. The last social afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. John Schneider and all had a delightful time.

### BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

At the church service Sabbath morning, Nov. 23, Mildred Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder, residing at 3115 S. Calhoun.

At the parsonage Sabbath morning, Dec. 21st, Wayne Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Reiter.

At the morning service Sabbath January 25th, Dorothy Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heyman.

At the morning service Sabbath, Feb. 15th, Maynard Carlyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shiffer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY

	Attend- ance	Offer- ing
Primary Dept. ....	76	\$ 2.19
Bertha Weickart's class. ....	19	.37
Esther Fritz's class. ....	25	.69
Ruth Gumpfer's class. ....	34	1.28
Lulu Bitner's class. ....	41	1.16
Anna Doermer's class. ....	54	1.52
Agenda class. ....	36	2.15
W. F. Close's class. ....	26	1.48
Adult Bible class. ....	79	4.18
Total .....	390	\$15.02

Thirteen new scholars were enrolled during the month of January.

Total amount of the offering on Foreign Missionary Day in Sunday School was \$15.27. The two classes contributed the largest amounts: Adult Bible class, \$5.28; Agenda class, young men, \$2.35.

How much it takes to stir the fire of enthusiasm in some people. Announce some event that has pleasure behind it and you can touch them, but the preacher can preach and pray until doomsday and they will go on in the same old way serving God "on and off." The sun never shines bright enough to get them out to Sunday School. Once at church on a Sunday is all they can stretch their religion to do. For visiting and entertaining there is no better time than Sunday evening and this must be attended to. To such it would really matter little whether there was a preacher or not—for they can neither be coaxed nor preached out of the same old gait. The heaven they are seeking for is not the one we read of in the good Book that requires faithful discharge of duty and real, downright self-denial to get there, but one of their own conception that will correspond to a life of unconcern, a haphazard, go-lucky, easy-going life. The kind anybody can lead without any effort. The kind of members the

church needs today are those who are ready to fill the hard places and do the hard things. Those who are watching for opportunities for service in place of planning ways of excusing themselves. When church members are willing to do their part God will surely do his part and we shall have a soul-winning and wide-awake church.

### ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCH.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roeger were received into Grace Church Sabbath morning, January 18th, by re-profession of faith. Mr. Roeger was formerly a member of the St. John's Reformed church. Mrs. Roeger was a member of the St. Paul's Catholic church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Deahl were received Sabbath morning, January 25th, Mr. Deahl by baptism and profession of faith, Mrs. Deahl by letter from the Church of Christ at Muncie, Ind. We are very happy to welcome these peo-

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ple into the fellowship of our church; we are sure they will be happy to be associated with us in the work of the Master.

### C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR MARCH.

1. Twelve Great Verses. The Love Verse, I John 4, 16. (Consecration meeting). Ruth Gumpfer.

8. How to Prevent Poverty. Ps. 72: 1-19. Earl Dinger.

15. Well Stored Memories. I Cor. 15: 1-10. (A memory meeting). A. Jones.

22. Our Society a Training School. Prov. 22, 6. (Lead by the pastor).

29. What Missions are Doing for the World. Acts 13: 1-12. (Foreign missionary meeting).

The Agenda boys with a number of their friends spent an evening at the Rudisill home north of the city recently. The boys say the sleighing was not very good but they had a good time.

The First Reformed Church in Bluffton has had 78 accessions to their membership as a result of the Bob Jones evangelistic effort.

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